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ODESSA MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG AND WEAPON CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today twenty-eight year old Christopher Roger Galindo of Odessa, Texas was sentenced to 72 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Robert Junell, as a consequence of his November 22, 2006, guilty plea to federal charges of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking. He was also ordered to serve five years of supervised release following the completion of his prison term and he forfeited \$12,000 in cash to state authorities.

As part of his plea, Galindo admitted that on September 22, 2006, at the Sunchase Apartment complex in Odessa, where he lived, he sold two ounces of cocaine to a person who was cooperating with the Midland Police Department. During the execution of a search warrant later that same day at his apartment, officers found in the kitchen area approximately 235 grams of cocaine along with \$12,000 in cash. In Galindo's bedroom, officers found an additional 705 grams of cocaine inside a safe. Under his bed, officers recovered a stolen Glock, .357 semi-automatic firearm and a Cobra semi-automatic firearm.

Elsewhere in the apartment, officers seized seventeen pounds of marijuana that was being subdivided and packaged for distribution. Galindo acknowledged in his plea that one of the reasons he possessed the firearms under his bed was to protect from theft both the narcotics he was selling and the \$12,000, which was cash proceeds of his drug sales.

The case was investigated jointly by the Midland and Odessa Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Parras prosecuted on behalf of the Government.

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